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Castleberry's recalls chili nationwide

The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is urging consumers to check their cupboards for any of 90 different canned food items that are a part of Castleberry's national recall.

These products have been linked to five cases of botulism in Texas and Indiana. The contaminated products were traced to one of Castleberry's production lines. The recall covers all products processed on that line, including canned chili and chili sauces, stews, hash, corned beef and other items sold under several brand names, as well as natural Choice brand dog food.

Although the products have been removed from retail stores in Wyoming, health officials want to make sure that products do not remain on the shelves in homes or food service operations.

"In addition to consumers, it is especially important for retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall," said Dean Finkenbinder, Manager of the Consumer Health Services Division.

Symptoms of botulism may include general weakness, dizziness, double vision, and trouble speaking or swallowing. Difficulty breathing, muscle weakness abdominal distension and constipation are also common symptoms. Individuals who feel ill after handling or accidentally consuming any of the recalled products should seek immediate medical attention.

A complete list of recalled products is available at
http://www.castleberrys.com/news_productrecall.asp.

Recalled products should be disposed of immediately. There is no need to return cans to stores. For refunds and more information, consumers should contact the Castleberry's consumer hotline at 1-800-203-4412 or visit www.castleberrys.com. Consumers may also contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7211.

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